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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Wedneſday Auguſt 3d. to Friday Auguſt 5th. 1709.

Q. IN Mat. 19. 17. *we read, that one ſaluted our Bleſſed Lord with the Title of* Good Maſter. *Upon which our Lord immediately reproves him,* why calleſt thou me Good? *there is none Good but one, that is God. Now, does not our Lord by ſuch a Reproof acknowledg himſelf not to be God?*

A. Our Lord Reproves the Perſon in the Text for ſaluting him with ſuch a Title, while he ſuppos'd him a mere Man, and was ignorant of his Godhead. And therefore, tho' the Title were fitly applied, yet not ſo with regard to the Perſon, that applied it.

Q. The Coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord *mention'd in* Mal. 4. 5. *is generally refer'd to the Incarnation of our Lord. But, how does this agree with His coming, who brought the glad tidings of Salvation?*

A. That the words are rightly refer'd to the coming of our Saviour in the Fleſh, is evident from the Context, which introduces them; *Behold I will ſend you Eliiah the Prophet.* For that this *Eliiah* was *John the Baptiſt*, the Forerunner of our Lord, we learn from the Angel to *Zachariah* the Father of the *Baptiſt*, and from our Lord himſelf, as we had occaſion to obſerve in a former Paper.

And as this fully eſtabliſhes the reference objected to in the Queſtion, ſo in anſwer to that Objection it is obſervable, that the Incarnation of our Lord was at once both *Terrible* and *Acceptable* too. Terrible to thoſe, that Rejected their Redeemer; Acceptable to ſuch as were willing to Receive him. And this twofold Acceptation is expreſs'd by the Prophet *Malachi* himſelf in two preceeding Verſes: *Behold, the day cometh, that ſhall burn as an oven: And all the proud, yea, and all, that do wickedly, ſhall be as ſtubble: And the day, that cometh ſhall burn them up, ſaith the Lord God of Hoſts, that it ſhall leave them neither Root nor Branch. But unto You, that fear my Name, ſhall the Son of Righteouſneſs Ariſe with Healing on his Wings, and ye ſhall go forth and grow up as Calves of the Stall.*

And as this day of the Lord, both as Terrible and Acceptable, may be taken in both a Temporal and Spiritual acceptance, ſo that very Lord, whoſe Day it is, repreſents it as taken in both ſenſes.

He repreſents it in a Temporal acceptance in the 21ſt Chapter of St. *Luke*. For ſpeaking of the approaching Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*, a Deſtruction to be brought upon the *Jews* for their Obſtinacy and Unbelief, he proclaims very Melancholy Tidings; *Theſe ſhall be the days of Vengeance, as never were from the beginning of the world, and never ſhall be afterwards.* But to his Diſciples, to Believers, he proclaims very Grateful Tidings; *Be not Ye terrified, when theſe things ſhall happen: In Patience poſſeſs your Spirits; for there ſhall not one hair of your heads periſh: When theſe things come to paſs, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your Redemption draweth nigh:* Your Redemption from the Perſecutions of the Unbelieving *Jews*, who ſhall then be utterly deſtroyed. And this Prediction was punctually fulfill'd, when Anguiſh and Diſtreſs, Calamity and Deſolation *came upon* the Rebellious Jews, *to the Uttermoſt*, while the *Chriſtians*, thoſe Pledges of their Saviour's Care, were Admoniſh'd from above to Forſake a Devoted City, and were Miraculouſly favour'd in their Flight to *Pella*, to that little Zoar (as an Hiſtorian expreſſes it) which ſecurely guarded them from the Boſom of Deſtruction.

Our Lord repreſents his Coming as at once both Acceptable and Terrible in a ſpiritual import, he repreſents it in thoſe memorable words; *He that Believeth and is Baptiz'd ſhall be SAVED; but He, that believeth Not, ſhall be DAMN'D.* And what more Terrible than Damnation, than to be Excluded Heaven, to be *Reſerv'd in Chains of Darkneſs*, to be *Tormented Day and Night*, to be Abandon'd to Horror and Deſpair, to Feel the Gnawings of the *Never Dying Worm*, to *Dwell with Everlaſting Burnings*! What more Acceptable than Salvation, than to Eat Freely of the Tree of Life, to Drink Liberally of *Rivers of Pleaſure*, to be Tranſported with *Joys for Evermore*, to Partake of the Beatific Vition, to be *Like God, and See him as he Is*, to ſpend a Rapturous Eternity in Ineffable Delight. As therefore with reſpect to the one it may be ſaid of our Saviour's Advent, *Who may Abide the Day of his Coming? And, who can ſtand, when He Appeareth?* So with regard to the other it may e-

qually be said, *This is the Acceptable time, This is the Day of Salvation.*

Q. *Whether the Difference between the Sun's Apparent and Real Altitude occasion'd by the Refraction of it's Rays be in all places the same, and how great it is?*

A. The Difference is the greatest, when the Sun touches the Horizon. For at that time it is Equivalent to almost 34 Minutes of a Degree. Whence it is, that the Sun Appears entirely above the Horizon, when Really it is entirely below it, since the Difference occasion'd by Refraction Exceeds the Diameter of the Sun. But as the Difference of both the Sun and Moon gradually decrease, while they advance from their Horizon towards their Meridian, so when they have arriv'd beyond the 35th or 38th degree of Altitude, the Refraction of their Rays is Imperceptible.

Q. 1. *Discoursing with the Chymists about Mars or Iron, which they pretend to be undoubtedly an Alkaly, but cannot believe it unless you inform me to the contrary. Pray describe the Particles in full.*

Q. 2. *Likewise, whether the Saliva in the Glands of the Mouth be furnish'd by the Lympha or Serous parts of the blood, and the nature and composition of it. Also, what the Ferment in the Stomach is compounded of and furnish'd withal.*

A. 1. Much by the same Argument that we prove crude Mercury to be an Alkaly, Mars or Iron must also be ranked into the same order. For when some Acids are poured upon it a Fermentation or an Effervescence ariseth, it sweetens likewise sower Liquors or Juices, and thereby Cures several Diseases proceeding from an Acid. However, it cannot be denied but that it contains some Acid Vitriolick Salt, but that making much the lesser part of its Composition does not hinder it from being of an Alkalious Nature as appears by it's aforesaid Effects.

A. 2. The Lympha being in reality nothing but some of the Serum of the Blood separated from it and contain'd in particular Vessels, call'd Lymphaticks, it does not matter much whether we say that the Saliva proceeds from the Serum or from the Lympha, tho' the latter may be more properly asserted, it being immediately supplied by the Lymphatick Vessels. It's nature cannot be said either Acid or Alcali, but rather something between both, which makes it a Menstruum fit to dissolve many things of a very different nature. The Ferment of the Stomach is Homogeneal to it, being partly made up of that part of it which trickleth down the Gullet almost continually, and partly of the same Lympha discharged immediately through many Glands of its Coats into it's Capacity.

Q. *Of whom was it said*, that he shou'd Never have been Born, or Never have Died.

A. Of *Augustus Cæsar*. The Former part of the Saying, respects the Miseries and Calamities that Aspiring Prince occasion'd before his Arrival to the Imperial Throne; the Latter regards the Admirable regulations, which he afterwards made in the Roman State. And both parts are Justified by the Histories of those his Successors, *Tiberius*, *Caligula*, *Claudius*, and *Nero*. For if *Augustus* had Never been Born, or had Never Died, either wou'd have Prevented those wretched Emperors Coming to the Throne.

Q. *Whether so much Water, that takes up so large a Portion of the Superficies of this Terrestrial Globe, be not rather Prejudicial than Advantageous to Mankind?*

A. Some pretend, that one Moiety of the Watry Superficies is abundantly sufficient to the Use of Mankind, and that therefore the other Moiety is entirely Useless. But to this a great Philosopher and Geometrician ingeniously replies, that since the quantity of Vapors rais'd bears an exact Proportion to the Extent of the Surface, from whence they are exhal'd, there wou'd, on Supposition, that the pretended useless Moiety of the Watry Surface were Dry Land, be a Want of Rivers to supply, not only the then so much larger Superficies of Dry Land, but also the present Superficies, which we Now enjoy. And thus the Wise Contrivance of the great Creator is Evident from the very Objection, that is made against it.

Q. *What Wall was that so much talk'd of, built by a* Roman *Emperor in this Nation?*

A. That Celebrated Wall was built by *Adrian*, the 15th *Roman* Emperor, and begun in the 4th Year of his Reign, and about the 120th of the *Christian Æra*. That Prince (who was the only Emperor, who Visited all the Provinces of the Empire to Establish Useful Laws and Reform Abuses) during his Stay in *Britain* not only Amended several Irregularities of the Province, but also considering, that the *North-Britains* had made frequent terrible Excursions, not only to the Injurious of the *South-Britains*, but also to the Annoyance of the *Roman* Legions, commanded the foresaid Wall to be Erected, which was compos'd of Earth and Wood, and Extended fourscore Miles in Length, namely, from the River *Eden* in *Cumberland* to the *Tine* in *Northumberland*.

Q. *In a late* Apollo *mention'd is made of a Natural Day, how many sorts therefore are there of a Day?*

A. As a Day is the Primary Division of Time, so the Primary Division of a Day is into Natural and Artificial. A Natural Day contains the time, wherein the Sun (according to the Ptolemaic System) goes round the Earth. An Artificial Day is of the same Duration with the Continuance of the Sun above the Horizon. A Natural Day is subdivided into Astronomical and Civil. An Astronomical Day is Equal, not only to the entire revolution of the Equator, but also to the additional revolution of that part of the Equator, which Corresponds with that part of the Ecliptic, which the Sun the mean while passes in it's Annual Course. A Civil Day is computed from the common usage of a Country, and therefore Differs according to the Different Usages of Different Countries. For some Countries begin their Civil Day at Sun-rising, some at Sunset, some at Midnight, and some at Noon.

Q. Apollinaris. *You seem to think your Society (however Ingenious) not very Charitable, for which cause you shou'd draw a Veil of Silence*, &c.

A. Sir, we acknowledg to have receiv'd divers Letters of the same purport with Yours, but our Silence is not occasion'd by want of Charity (which we shall evince on all occasions, to the utmost of our Power) but for other reasons, not proper to publish to the World.

POEMS.

Q. SING Heliconian Gods, O! *Sing*,
Whether there e'er was such a thing,
As Fairies *dancing in a Ring*,
Like Country Lads and Lasses on a Night,
When pale-fac'd Cynthia *Rules the Orb of Light*.
So you'll oblige one thinks it Marv'lo's,
Your much Admiring Friend J. Carlos.

A. Those

A. Thoſe *Fairies* never yet were found,
To Dance on any other Ground,
But old Wives Brains, not very ſound.
What gave them Credit was the Circles ſeen,
And often now are found upon the Green.
If you look back with Judgment Parleſs,
You'll find them in our Prints, *Don Carlos.*

Q. Apollo, *my Friends have deſign'd*
(*To Pleaſure their Covetous Mind*)
A Beau *to importune,*
To make me a Fortune,
For which an Averſion I find.

And a Beau *of the worſt Acceptation,*
Being the Modereſt Fop *of the Nation,*
Who only Profeſſes
Grimaces and Dreſſes,
Nor has to Senſe any Relation.

Pray, ſay, how I ſhall undergo,
The Shocks which I dread from the Beau,
And baulk the poor Nizy,
For then I ſhall prize ye,
And Reſpect and due Reverence ſhew.

A. There's nothing more eaſy to ſhun
(Now will with leſs Trouble be done)
Than the Feeble Aſſaults,
And the Follies and Faults,
Into which He'll Eternally Run.

Hang up in your Room a large Glaſs,
To which He may eaſily paſs,
And He'll never Teeze ye,
By thinking to pleaſe ye,
But the Image there Court of the Aſs.

If He ſhou'd decline it by Chance,
To give you a Touch of Romance,
To flouriſh his Aires
(Which ſet off his Wares)
He quickly will finiſh his Dance.

If you ne'er Contradict or Admire,
His Jaded dull Fancy will Tire,
For all it affords,
Is a Set of fine words,
Which ſoon (unregarded) expire.

His *Wit* by *Reverſes* explain,
Or heed not the Flux of his Brain,
Your *Indifference* ſeen,
Will give him the *Spleen,*
And He'll ne'er have a *Stomach* again.

Q *Do you think it a Fault,*
To make an Aſſault,
Upon an old Fortreſs thrice Storm'd,
As often been took,
She's a terrible Look,
And with Age and Ill-nature Deform'd.

Her Eyes are ſunk in,
With a wrinkled tann'd Skin,
No Teeth, but a Rotten old Stump,
Two Satchels her Breaſts,
On which her Chin reſts,
And her Back Mounted up with a Hump.

Her Ears always run,
Like Greaſe in the Sun,
Her Breath is as ſtrong as a Polecat,
Beſides She's a Beard,
Wou'd make one afraid,
And her Tallons as long as an old Cat.

Still Coughing or Squelching,
Or F---ing or Belch---g
And is all that is ugly and old,
But then pray Remember,
This Month of December,
Is warm with abundance of Gold.

Now, ſay, ſhall I Court
This Magical Fort,
This Touch-wood, this Mummy for Pelf,
Or think you not after,
I ſhall be your Laughter,
And Hang for Vexation my Self.

A. Thou know'ſt not fond Mortal
(Thus ſtanding at Portal,
Defective in Courage to Enter)
The Value which lies,
Lock'd up in the Prize,
And ſo art afraid of Indenture.

Tho' thrice She's been taken,
She's ſtill ſav'd her Bacon,
And therefore no hurt can be done,
Her Eyes pent up faſt,
Much longer will laſt,
And her Hide ne'er be hurt by the Sun.

Her Teeth you'll not miſs,
Since ſofter She'll kiſs,
And that muſt delight in a Bride,
Her Satchels then take,
And a Pair of Boots make,
Then on Her Hump vault up and Ride.

Her Ears and her Breath,
Shou'd they ſtink you to Death,
And truly that very ſoon may be,
What Honour and Glory,
Will't be in your Story,
That you dy'd like a Hero for Lady.

If Muſical Strains,
Will tickle your Veins,
You're happy in Pleaſing your Ear;
Her Coughing and Squelching,
Her F---ting and Belch---g,
Ye Gods, what a Conſort is here!

If you'd be truly Brave,
And a Glorious Name have,
At leaſt be admir'd at by many,
With a Genius Divine,
Deſpiſe all her Coin,
And take her without e'er a Penny.

SIR,

THE Letters from Turin July 17th adviſe, that General Patte arrived there the 14th, and on the 16th his Regiment of Dragoons from Naples arriv'd at Moncallier in order to joyn the Horſe at Orbaſſan, & the heavy Baggage is in readineſs to march to Suza; they hear, that the Enemy have fortify'd two Deſiles upon Mount Genevre, and placed two Cannon at one of thoſe Paſſages: General Schulenbourg has driven the Enemy from a Poſt of which they had poſſeſſed themſelves, to hinder his penetrating into Savoy by the Valley of Aoſta, and their Troops which were intrench'd at St. Jean de Morienne having advice of it retir'd: The 15th the Enemy likewiſe abandon'd the Valley of Bricelonetta and retir'd towards Fort Dauphin, which ſeparates that Valley from Dauphine: His Royal Highneſs who ſpends moſt of this ſeaſon at la Venerie, where he is making ſome New Buildings, is preparing to go for the Army; and that the body of Troops which paſs'd Mount Genevre has, after an obſtinate fight, driven the Enemy from the Eminences of Briancon. The Advices from Frankfort Aug. 1ſt are, that the Elector of Hannover is expected in a day or two, and 'tis ſaid, that Prince will be there on the 1ſt Inſtant; that his Electoral Highneſs is impatiently expected, that the Army upon the upper Rhine may act offenſively, the ſame being in a Condition not only to drive the Enemy over that River, but likewiſe to undertake ſomething in Alſace, for 'tis certain that the Army of the Empire is much ſuperior to that of the French. 'Tis adviſed from the Hague Aug. 6th that the Army according to the laſt advices was in Motion the day before, ſo that they expected to hear they are advanced towards the Enemy; that the Troops under General Fagel have paſſed the Scheld and rejoyn'd the Grand Army, having firſt cauſed all the Lines of Circumvallation to be levell'd: That the Mareſchal de Villars has employ'd ſo many Men on his New Lines, that they are in a poſture of defence; they begin at the Cloyſter of Annain on the Scheld, where the Right of his Army extends and end at the Abby of Anchin on the Scarp, where their Left is poſted; that the Ditch before the ſaid Line is 18 Foot broad, and 10 or 12 Foot deep; That King Charles 3d has appointed the Count de Brouay formerly Governor of Namur his Plenipotentiary at Bruſſels, in the room of the late Don Bernardo de Quiros: King Auguſtus has ordered his Troops to March for Poland as yeſterday, and was to follow in Perſon in about a Week; that there are ſome Letters from the North which adviſe, that there are contagious Diſtempers in Dantzick. Which is all from Yours, &c.

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